

1-1 By: Madla S.J.R. No. 29
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 20, 2003; February 27, 2003,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental
1-4 Relations; April 10, 2003, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 10, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-7 proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the maximum tax
1-8 rate that may be imposed on property in an emergency services
1-9 district.

1-10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 48-e, Article III, Texas Constitution,
1-12 is amended to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 48-e. Laws may be enacted to provide for the
1-14 establishment and creation of special districts to provide
1-15 emergency and fire prevention services and to authorize the
1-16 commissioners courts of participating counties to levy a tax on the
1-17 ad valorem property situated in said districts not to exceed Twenty
1-18 [~~Ten~~] Cents [~~(10¢)~~] on the One Hundred Dollars [~~(\$100.00)~~]
1-19 valuation for the support thereof; provided that no tax shall be
1-20 levied in support of said districts until approved by a vote of the
1-21 qualified voters residing therein, and no tax may be increased
1-22 except as provided by general law. Such a district may provide
1-23 emergency medical services, emergency ambulance services, rural
1-24 fire prevention and control services, or other emergency services
1-25 authorized by the Legislature.

1-26 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
1-27 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003.
1-28 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
1-29 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to increase the maximum
1-30 tax rate that may be imposed on property in an emergency services
1-31 district if approved by the voters of the district."

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